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AN OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is further to the Office Action dated November 2, 2010. Applicant wishes to amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims:** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks:** begin on page 13 of this paper.